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Dear Friend:

Maybe I should have come to Brooklyn to talk to you in person, but I just haven't been able to find time. If I had known as much about baseball when I started, as I do now, I would never have left Ebbetts Field, that is if you would have let me stay. Maybe I should not say that, because the fans of New Jersey are very nice to The Eagles, and support us very nicely. However I have grown to know, the bigger the city, the bigger the crowds.

This all leads up to me asking what are the possibilities of us playing some games in Brooklyn this year? It is still my first love.

There is one night that interest me very much, due to the fact The Dodgers are in far away Cincinnati. It is Thurs. Aug. 22nd. I would like to bring another Negro League team into Ebbetts Field, and each team take 25% of the gross after tax, and have you put the game on. You pay all advertising and promotional expenses. One of the reasons this might interest you, is because we have a really good ballclub. We have already won the first half of our league race, with three more games to play. Believe me The Eagles are really nice. We would even like to challenge you to a post season series, and it would not be like last year. Ha!

Seriously, we must make money to pay the salaries we are paying this year. As baseball people we know it is not as easy as the fans think; I believe a night in Brooklyn properly handled would be worth while. If you are interested please call me. There might be a lot more good come of it than just the benefits of a night game. I would love to come over and talk to you and Mr Riskey if it would be worth while. Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely